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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

#### **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## **AMENDMENTS**

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert /-This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/02055 which has an International filing date of March 26, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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**7.** (Amended) A host cell transformed by a nucleic acid molecule according to